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Brother,

I received your letter Friday afternoon just after my wife and daughter left after visiting with me all day--I was really happy to hear from you, and that you are well in spite of all the weirdness that's going down out there. I read of your "contributing to the delinquency of a minor" charge and thought it was quite appropriate. I suppose you know that I got arrested at the U.S.-Canadian border (at Port Huron-Sarnia) last spring on the same charge the Detroit Customs officials arrested you on when was it, three years ago? "Leaving the United States and failing to register as a convicted narcotics violator"! I suppose they've dropped your charge since the Supreme Court decision (which I read since I've been here--it's too bad they decided to cop out on the real issue, but they're going to have to get to it one of these days, if it's up to one or the other of us to do it!), and I haven't heard anything on mine, but if you can tell me anything about the defense you used (unless it was just that your appeal hadn't been decided yet), or if your lawyers could tell my lawyers (!), it might help them in my case.

Yes, I know you're planning to come out to Ann Arbor to do a benefit, and I'm very happy about that--I was sorry you couldn't come this month, but Leni said you had court scenes to do out there. They really are a drag, aren't they--sometimes I think I'm better off in jail at this time, since all I did the last few months I was on the street was go to court, get ready to go to court, relax after going to court, or get arrested and go to jail. Once I got to the penitentiary it was a big relief, and it's even more relaxed up here in Siberia where they've got me now. I had all my time to myself and was making good use of it, reading and writing and studying, but I guess I was too successful and now am working in the prison laundry, which is nothing but a total waste of time. I guess that's the point, as you say about the courts.....

I know you're right about what will happen in this country, but I'm afraid it's going to take a little longer than you anticipate, and it's going to be a little sticky--but there is absolutely no doubt as to the outcome. "We will win without a doubt," and that means that everybody is going to win--who wants to win if somebody has to lose? As always, they just don't know what the game is. I see 1970 as a great year for unity, everybody coming together, forming the Woodstock Nation, all social and cultural revolutionary elements banding together to start dealing with the problems that will survive the revolution, e.g. logistics, production & distribution, etc. How to transform the economy and the ecology from the Pig Nation scene to the free world scene that will be created by the youth of Woodstock Nation. There are many exciting plans aborning right now, and we will see them carried out starting the 70's off right! I'll be ok here until it's time for me to come out, and then we'll really have a celebration!

I'm really happy you wrote and I hope you'll keep in touch as you can. Also hope Rosemary and everyone else is high and in good spirits all ways. Happy New Year--and I know I will see you soon! All Power to the People! Power to the Imagination! Free Love--Free Life--Free Everything!!

Love John

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